



WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 19, 1903.

Efforts are being made to induce the Governor to call an extra session of the legislature, but it is hoped the efforts may prove unavailing. The present session may be prolonged for a period not exceeding thirty days by a three-fifths vote of the members of each house, in which case they would get no pay for the additional period; or two-thirds of the members of each house may request the Governor to call an extra session, in which event it would be mandatory upon him to do so, or the Governor may call an extra session of his own motion. If an extra session should be called by the Governor the members would each receive the sum of \$250 in addition to the salary they have already drawn. If the regular session is prolonged by a vote of three-fifths of the members the work now in progress would go on without interruption. In case of an extra session it is apprehended that all the bills to be considered must be introduced anew and again take the course prescribed by the constitution. A resolution has been presented to extend the session for a week or two. Each member will soon have an opportunity to say probably by a recorded vote, whether he is willing to make a personal sacrifice for the purpose of fulfilling the session's work. The pay of the members which is \$500 for the session, and not a per diem, as heretofore, is now fully double what it formerly was, and one of the arguments freely used for the increase was that it would enable the legislature to extend the session, if necessary, without great financial loss to the members. The increase was made, but nobody gave bond to carry out this implied contract to extend the session and many of those who used this argument are now clamoring for the Governor to call an extra session that they may get the additional pay. In view of the already increased pay it would seem that the members might remain in Richmond a few days after the time of the regular session in order to complete the business of the session.

THE MANY nocturnal robberies and murders in the large cities are causing numbers of females to stay indoors at night. In some cities the attendance at churches has fallen off to a great extent, as the larger percentage of worshippers are females, who are afraid to venture from their homes after dark. This hold-up, however, are not confined to the night time, as robberies of women occur occasionally in daylight. A young woman was robbed on a Philadelphia street yesterday. It was dangerous many years ago for men or women to go on the streets of London at night. With all the modern police forces it is becoming equally as dangerous in this day for people to appear on the thoroughfares of some cities.

THE VARIOUS committees of the George Washington Birthday Association have about perfected arrangements for the celebration of next Saturday, the 176th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. During the past century this has been Alexandria's gala day. Flags and streamers are now fluttering from many buildings in this city, and the spirit of the occasion is being manifested among all classes. The stores are exposing canes, decorations, imitation hatchets, &c., suitable for the 23d, and the younger generation is anticipating next Saturday with eagerness. Should the weather prove propitious a joyful time will doubtless be experienced by all.

ALL THE conductors and motormen of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Wyoming Valley Traction Company were notified yesterday that if they desire to retain their places they must not use alcoholic drinks, either on or off duty. This rule has recently been adopted by other railroads in different parts of the country. A railroad employee in a communication to a New York paper recently said that a large percentage of accidents on the rail were due to carelessness or wilful disregard of orders on the part of employees. In many cases such criminal negligence, there is every reason to believe, has been caused by the use of stimulants.

THE Cooke and Rogers branches of the American Locomotive Works, at Paterson, N. J., have recently laid off several hundred more men, so that of the 5,000 ordinarily employed at these plants only half are now working, and these are mainly engaged in making repairs to old locomotives. The reason given at both shops is that no orders for new locomotives are coming in, either from domestic or foreign railroads.

It has been shown that eggs two years old are being sold in Pittsburgh, Pa., and vicinity as "strictly fresh." Some were examined yesterday which were identified by a young man who had marked them in 1906. It is said that in China eggs a thousand years old are considered a great delicacy.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, D. C., February 19. Surgeon General P. M. Rixey, of the Navy Department, is about to win out over the Bureau of Navigation in another fight regarding the matter of hospital ships. Dr. Rixey has recommended that the Solace, which was used by the navy as a hospital ship in the Spanish-American war, be fitted out for hospital purposes, to be commanded by a medical officer. Coincidentally with this recommendation was one from the Navigation Bureau that the Solace be fitted out as a "mother ship" for the submarine fleet that is to be shortly organized on the Pacific coast. After having the question under consideration for some time, Secretary Metcalf has directed that a survey of the Solace be made to determine the expense necessary, to fit her out for hospital purposes.

Astounding revelations in the granting of rebates by railroads in Virginia, are promised as the outcome of an inquiry begun in the federal court building, at Richmond, today. Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, who has become known as the Harriman inquisitor, left here last night to institute such an inquiry into the operations of interstate lines in the South, as he expects he will disclose an illegal situation, implicating a prominent railroad official. The greatest secrecy has surrounded the inquiry. It is announced upon excellent authority that the necessary for these unusual precautions was to prevent giving alarm to the railroad companies said to be involved and thus enable Commissioner Lane to secure records disclosing a startling crime before any attempt could be made to have them destroyed.

Chief Constructor Capps, of the Navy Department, personally conveyed to the naval affairs committee of the House today his detailed report on naval construction, which was prepared by direction of Secretary Metcalf. The report, which was submitted to Secretary Metcalf Monday, was approved by him late yesterday, and the chief constructor was instructed to transmit the document to the naval affairs committee of each house. Each committee will be requested to have the report published as a public document in order that it may be available to all who are interested in the reply to the criticisms of Arthur Ruedersdal and the Navy Magazine. The report is longer than that of Rear Admiral Converse, which was made public Monday, and covers over 100 typewritten pages. Secretary Metcalf is greatly impressed with the value of the technical information given in detail in the report, and will have a copy of it placed in the hands of every naval officer, as a matter of information.

"In God We Trust," according to the mandate today of the House committee on coinage, weights and measures, will go back on the gold coins. The committee favorably reported the McKinley bill that provides "That the motto, 'In God We Trust,' heretofore inscribed on certain denominations of the gold and silver coins of the United States of America, shall be inscribed hereafter upon all such denominations of said coins as heretofore." The law is to be effective thirty days after the date of its passage. President Roosevelt, it is understood, desiring the artistic to yield to the protests of the religious and patriotic citizens, will not oppose the bill. The speedy passage of the bill by the House is assured by Representative McKinley (rep. Ill.), author of the bill and chairman of the coinage committee. During the committee discussion Representative Knowland suggested that the bill be so framed as to compel clearing house certificates to be labeled "I know my redeemer liveth." The suggestion of the California member was not accepted.

President Roosevelt this afternoon directed the Interstate Commerce Commission to make an investigation of labor conditions on railroads, where there is a possibility of a conflict between employers and employees over the question of wages. The order was prompted by recent notices by certain railroads, notably the Louisville and Nashville, announcing reduction of wages, and alleging that the "drastic laws inimical to the interests of the railroads that have in the past year or two been enacted by congress and the state legislatures" are largely, or chiefly, responsible for the conditions requiring the reduction.

Secretary Taft will arrive in Washington tomorrow to plunge at once into the work that has accumulated during his recent trip. He will arrive on the federal express from Boston at 9:45 a. m. and will probably go to the Capitol at once for conference with one of the committees. He will give his attention entirely to the department matters during the several days before his next trip, among these being the disposition of the Deming and Hancock cases and the nomination of the new major general to succeed Gen. Greely who retires next month.

It was announced at the Navy Department this afternoon that Rear Admiral Sperry, now commanding the fourth division of the battleship fleet, has been selected to command the new Philippine naval station on his arrival there. He will take the Kentucky, Kearsarge, Illinois, and Alabama with him.

The President has received a letter from T. J. Dolan, president of the International Union of Steam Shovelers and dredgers who is now visiting in Panama, in which he says: "This is one of the best equipped and best handled jobs that has ever been carried on in the world." Mr. Curran has introduced bills in the House granting a pension to William L. McFarland; granting a pension to Mrs. Annie C. Almond, widow of L. L. Almond, and for the estate of Thornton Martin, deceased.

Governor and Mrs. Fort, of New Jersey, arrived today to be house guests of the President. It is said that the President is a great admirer of Forts and believes he would make a good campaign as vice presidential candidate.

Sixtieth Congress.

Washington, Feb. 19.

SENATE. Senator Tillman introduced a resolution prescribing rigid regulations for vagrants in the District of Columbia. Senator Hale announced that the Senate committee on naval affairs would investigate the charges concerning the construction of battle ships.

HOUSE.

The House had under consideration today the census bill.

News of the Day.

W. S. Yester, Georgia State geologist, died today in his home at Atlanta.

Fire today completely destroyed the mansion in which Admiral F. Farragut formerly lived in Hastings. On The Hudson, N. Y.

The reply of Japan to the memorandum of the United States government concerning emigration will be handed United States Ambassador O'Brien at Tokyo today.

Eleven new cases of smallpox were reported to the Washington health department yesterday. All are negroes who have never been vaccinated. They were taken to the smallpox hospital.

In the suit in Washington of the Catholic University to recover \$200,000 on the bond of Thomas E. Waggaman, the Court yesterday ordered a verdict in favor of the estate of Dr. D. B. Clarke.

Ira W. Wheeler, who escaped injury in the San Francisco earthquake, and who went to Baltimore and was run over by an oyster wagon, has sued Joseph Baumiller for \$10,000 damages for injuries.

Twenty per cent. of the members of the Lyons, France, garrison are ill of influenza and 350 men are in the hospital. The disease is attended in many cases by grave complications, and the deaths average three to four daily.

A guilty conscience impelled Frank Clover, 21, of Pittsburgh, Pa., to surrender himself to the police of Columbus, Ohio, and stand trial for shooting his sweetheart, Miss Naomi Johnson. According to Clover's story he contemplated killing the girl and then committing suicide because her parents objected to their marriage. He says he shot her, but didn't have the courage to shoot himself and fled.

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, in charge of the anti-saloon league in Oklahoma, appeared before the House committee on the judiciary in Washington yesterday in behalf of the Littlefield bill, to give the States control over interstate liquor shipments. Representative Branley (dem. Ga.) asked Dinwiddie why Congress could not give the States control over lumber, coal, etc. "You might if you could face your constituents after doing so," replied Dinwiddie.

Gen. Stoessel, in making his final speech to the court-martial in St. Petersburg which is trying him, took the whole responsibility for the surrender of Port Arthur, which, he declared, could only have resisted a few hours longer at a cost of 20,000 lives. He pleaded, if the surrender demanded expiation by blood, that the blood be his only. Gen. Reuse said he had only fulfilled his orders, and he was willing to take the consequences. He did not ask for mercy. It is expected the verdict will be given today.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Sarah Hall, 69 years old, wife of James Hall, a merchant at Langley, Fairfax county, died Monday.

State Senator Thornton is seeking to have the town of Haymarket, in Prince William county, incorporated, and presented a bill to this end.

Frank Gauthron, charged with the murder of Mrs. Sydney Jones, was acquitted at Christiansburg yesterday on the ground of insanity. He will be sent to an asylum.

Dorsey Walter, for many years confidential clerk to a prominent Winchester law firm, and also an occupant of various city offices, died yesterday from sickness, incident to advanced age.

Hon. Harry St. George Tucker has decided to locate in Norfolk and has opened law offices in this city where he will practice his profession, in addition to his legal duties as counsel for the receivers of the exposition company.

In the Corporation Court of Charlottesville yesterday Hugh Johnson pleaded guilty to robbing the Graphophone and News Company safe on Sunday night preceding his elopement with Miss Sadie Herndon, of that city, on December 30, and was sentenced to six months in jail. He declared he did not know what motive prompted him to commit the crime.

MR. BRYAN INDORSED.

William J. Bryan's visit to Columbus, Ohio, yesterday, was signalled by the democratic State central committee unanimously endorsing his candidacy for the presidency. Mr. Bryan arrived at the Southern Hotel while the committee was still in session, and upon being introduced to the members, paused long enough to say that he found a "keen feeling throughout the country that our efforts will not be in vain." While endorsing Mr. Bryan the State committee made provision in the call for the State convention by which the voters of any county in which there is a registration city may express their preference for a candidate for President by having the names of candidates printed on delegate tickets. This action was taken at the request of Hamilton county democrats, who favor the nomination of Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati. After luncheon, at the residence of Col. James Kilbourne, Mr. Bryan addressed the General Assembly in joint session in the hall of representatives on the subject of guaranteeing bank deposits. Last night Mr. Bryan was the sole speaker at a dollar dinner given by the democratic members of the General Assembly.

Neglected Colds Threaten Life. (From the Chicago Tribune.)

"Don't trifle with a cold," is good advice for prudent men and women. It may be vital in the case of a child. Proper food, good ventilation, and dry warm clothing are the proper safeguards against colds. If they are maintained through the changeable weather of autumn, winter and spring, the chances of a surprise from ordinary colds will be slight. But the ordinary light cold will become severe if neglected, and a well-established ripe cold is the germ of diphtheria, what honey is to the bee. The greatest menace to child life at this season of the year is the neglected cold. Whether it is a child or adult, the cold slight or severe, the very best treatment that can be adopted is to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is safe and sure. The great popularity and immense sale of this preparation has been attained by its remarkable cures of this ailment. A cold never results in pneumonia when it is given. For sale by W. F. Creighton and Richard Gibson.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C., Feb. 19.—Wheat 90-95.

The Legislature.

SENATE.

The special orders in both branches, namely, the bill to relieve physicians from the payment of the license tax in the Senate, and the child labor bill in the House, were both partly considered and went over until today.

The special order in the Senate yesterday was the bill to provide for the establishment of a State female normal school at Harrisonburg and to appropriate money therefor.

The committee amended the bill so as to require the town of Harrisonburg to contribute the sum of \$15,000 cash and to give a site of not less than thirty acres to cost \$10,000. Senator Keezell, who comes from Rockingham county, said that Harrisonburg would willingly accept the amendments. The matter went over till today.

HOUSE.

The bill to elect commissioners of the revenue by popular vote was unanimously passed.

By vote of 69 to 4, the House passed the pilotage bill, which relieves coastwise vessels of pilotage fees, but imposes considerably increased fees on foreign bottoms.

The Senate bill in relation to commercial fertilizers, passed the House. Under this bill many of the low-grade fertilizers heretofore sold and of little practical value are eliminated.

Mr. Stuart presented a bill proposing to provide an official stenographer in all felony cases, in which the punishment may be death or confinement in the penitentiary for a term of ten years or longer.

Speaker Byrd's bill to increase the license tax on express companies doing business in Virginia from \$5,000 to \$12,000 was adopted by a unanimous vote. The bill now goes to the Senate for concurrence.

The House adopted a measure providing that no citizen of this State who shall hereafter be committed to an insane asylum, their estate or personal representative shall be charged with any of the expenses attendant therewith.

The House passed bills relating to the grant of letters of administration upon the estates of persons presumed to be dead, by reason of long absence from their former domicile.

For the removal of all poles or stakes used by fishermen using尖poles, etc., in the rivers and creeks of the Commonwealth.

Pensioning certain matrons who served in Confederate hospitals for a period of twelve months during the war between the States.

At the conclusion of the conference of the joint session yesterday afternoon the committee representing the Virginia and Maryland legislatures unanimously agreed upon a bill to be presented to the General Assembly of each State.

The bill, which is to be effective from its passage, protects the oyster industry in the Potomac river, and imposes heavy penalties for violation of the law.

The Senate has passed the House bill prescribing the punishment for abducting, kidnapping or unlawfully aiding in the escape of the inmates of any of the public hospitals of this State.

Also Senate bills to prohibit contracts and agreements for the sale and future delivery of cotton, grain, provisions and other commodities, stocks, bonds and other securities upon margin, commonly known as dealing in futures; to declare such transactions unlawful, and to constitute a misdemeanor on the part of any person, association of persons, or corporation participating therein, whether directly or indirectly; to prohibit the establishment, maintenance or operation of any office or other place where such contracts are made or offered; to define what shall constitute prima facie evidence of guilt; to compel all persons participating in such transactions to testify concerning their connection therewith; to provide that no discovery made by any witness which would tend to subject him to conviction or punishment under this act shall be used against such witness in any penal or criminal proceeding, and that he shall be altogether pardoned therefor; to provide that regular commercial exchanges and other bona fide trade organizations may post quotations of market prices, and for other purposes.

The House passed the following bills: House bill to establish a permanent place in the State penitentiary at Richmond for the execution of felons upon whom the death penalty is to be imposed and to change the mode of execution so that the death sentence shall be by electricity.

To ratify and confirm the appointment of a certain commissioner for the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, and to ratify and validate all depositions and other acts or transactions taken, done or performed by or before such commissioner.

Senate bill to provide for the leasing of county bonds for permanent road or bridge improvement in the magisterial districts of the counties of the State.

Senate bill making it a misdemeanor for persons to unlawfully use or wear any insignia or buttons of any association, society, or trades union, or any southern cross or honor.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. Tillman's resolution relating to railroad land grants, reported by Senator Fulton, caused a discussion as to the propriety of the Senate directing executive officers to perform duties which their offices make incumbent upon them.

Senator Gallinger offered a bill, proposed by the District Commissioners, constituting them a public service commission. He also offered a resolution directing the commissioners to ascertain and report upon property south of Pennsylvania avenue which Senator Heyburn proposes to purchase as sites for public buildings.

Mr. Culberson's resolution calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to what banks had complied of the failure of their reserve agents in New York to redeem New York exchange during the recent panic was agreed to.

The criminal code bill was considered again, but not concluded.

In the House three hundred and twenty-five private pension bills were passed. The House in the committee of the whole began the consideration of the census bill.

The bill providing for the thirteenth census was discussed.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Blizzard in the West.

Chicago, Feb. 19.—With nine to ten inches of snow on the level, drifts in many places ranging from three to six feet, more snow falling and a stiff gale blowing, Chicago today is facing the worst winter conditions of many years. Today reports of great suffering were received from all the police precincts, scores of aged and destitute seeking refuge from the storm in the police stations. Two section hands, blinded by the snow, were run down by a train on the Wisconsin Central road and fatally injured. It is estimated the storm will cost the city in the neighborhood of \$250,000 or \$300,000.

St. Louis, Feb. 19.—The worst storm of the winter is raging today in Missouri and half a dozen adjoining States. After a heavy rain of many hours snow fell in several places to the depth of 14 inches. This was accompanied by a fierce wind. Oklahoma is being swept by a blizzard. Railroad traffic is much delayed.

New York, Feb. 19.—The blizzard, reported to be one of the worst in years, which has been raging in the west, struck New York early today. The storm started shortly before daylight and four inches of snow had fallen in as many hours without any sign of abatement. Traffic is greatly impeded.

The swirling flakes blinded pilots on harbor and river craft, greatly hampering their vision and making it extremely dangerous for these craft to make their trips. Ocean liners are being held at the Hook and all of the sound boats were late in arriving. A series of accidents marked the storm's progress. Many persons slipped on the snow-covered pavements and the ambulances were busy answering calls to attend to sprained ankles or broken limbs.

Thaw and His Wife.

New York, Feb. 19.—Renewed in apparently authentic form, much attention has been attracted by the repeated rumors that proceedings to bring about the legal separation of Harry K. Thaw and his wife, formerly Evelyn Nesbit, artist model and chorus girl, who was the cause of Stanford White's death at Thaw's hands, are imminent. Whether the separation will be sought by annulment or divorce is a subject on which reports disagree, but the frequency of the rumors of an estrangement has caused almost general acceptance of them.

Mrs. William Thaw in an interview published today is quoted as saying she has told Harry he must divorce Evelyn.

"Up to now Harry has refused to listen to the counsel I have given him," the interview continues. "Until he does he must bear the annoyances. I am very sorry for my poor boy. He is brave, but oh, so very foolish. However, I have decided not to give Harry any more advice in his domestic affairs. It is probably best to let those interested settle their own affairs."

Fishkill Landing, N. Y., Feb. 19.—A note was sent to Harry K. Thaw in the Matteawan Asylum asking him if the story revived with such insistence in New York that he will seek a divorce from his wife was true. The note came back with the single word "No" printed on it so plainly that the denial was emphatic.

War Imminent.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—News that Alihan's Kurdish forces have crossed the Turkish-Persian boundary into the Persian province of Azerbaijan is considered here as reopening the boundary dispute between the Sultan on one side and the Shah and Czar on the other, under graver circumstances than ever.

That Alihan is acting with Turkish support is considered certain. Having practically admitted that he was wrong, he withdrew his troops from Persia and then resumed the offensive after alarming Russia by his railroad agreement with Austria. This is regarded as almost a declaration of hostilities by the Sultan.

The Russian government is giving the situation serious consideration, and a prompt movement of the Czar's troops against Turkey is not an impossibility. Russia is still weak in the vicinity of the Turkish-Russian border, and Prince Firman, the Persian governor of Azerbaijan has under his command only a body of undisciplined recruits who are already deserting. A march into Turkey directly from southwestern Russia might be better managed and it is thought here in the event of hostilities that they will probably strike.

The United States Fleet.

Lima, Feb. 19.—Peruvian navigators expect that the American battleship squadron, steaming about ten knots an hour, will reach Callao by 12 o'clock tonight. All preparations have been completed for the fleet's reception. The streets are brilliantly decorated in the American colors and with thousands of electric lights. Arches have been thrown across all the principal thoroughfares and all business houses and government offices will be closed tomorrow in the visitors' honor.

American representatives here are not inclined to pay much attention to alarmist rumors concerning the presence of the Japanese battleship Kato Maru's presence at Tocapiti, Chili, and think the reported mystery of the officers' going ashore is largely imaginary and unconnected with the United States fleet's presence off the South American coast.

The torpedo boat flotilla is reported coaling at Talcahuano, where it will remain until Feb. 25.

Japan's Reply.

Tokio, Feb. 19.—Japan's reply to the American memorandum of January 26 concerning Japanese emigration into the United States—a reply which the Mikado believes will satisfy the Washington government and immediately end the pending controversy—was handed to Ambassador O'Brien today.

The document concedes practically all that America has asked and assures restrictions on emigration to America, which, it made good, will probably prove effectual. It follows the lines of recent conferences in Tokio between Ambassador O'Brien and the Japanese foreign office, and in Washington between the Japanese embassy and the State Department. Ambassador O'Brien will forward the communication to Washington at once.

Rebels Defeated.

Paris, Feb. 19.—French troops have defeated a strong force of Moroccan rebels, according to official dispatches from the scene of hostilities, in a battle near Fedalla. The natives lost heavily. Two French officers and five men were killed and twenty nine wounded.

Charges Against the C. & O. R. R.

Richmond, Va., February 19.

Charges that the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company had been guilty of granting rebates in favor of certain local grain merchants were made today at a hearing presided over by Franklin K. Lane, of the Interstate Commerce Commission. J. H. Marble, special counsel conducted the inquiry and severely grilled H. O. Gates, of the firm of W. K. Johnson & Co., grain shippers.

Gates, under pressure, stated that the railway company split rates with them by reassigning cars shipped here as from other points thus saving about \$15 a car. The recompense to the railway was the giving of all of the firm's business.

Warner Moore, a grain shipper, and W. S. Forbes, a meat packer, will be examined this afternoon. It is alleged the rebating now under investigation will show that the railway company benefited at the expense of other companies by fully \$400,000 worth of business a month.

Hearst in the Fight.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—That William Randolph Hearst plans to be represented on a presidential ticket in the place of second honor, if he does not appear personally in the chief role on a ticket of his own making next fall, is the statement circulated among democrats here today. William Shuler Jackson, attorney general of New York, is Hearst's reputed choice for Vice President on the democratic ticket with Bryan.

If Bryan will accept Jackson as his running mate, Hearst and his independent league will give its support to Bryan in the nation, according to the reported plan. One thing is certain as the result of the revelations of the last few days—Hearst is in the national fight and proposes to make himself felt.

Gillette's Case.

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Chester E. Gillette, condemned murderer of his sweetheart "Billy" Brown, was informed today by Warden Benham of yesterday's decision of the court of appeals affirming the judgment of the court which found him guilty. A telegram from Gillette's mother in Denver, telling the decision was shown the prisoner. Gillette's manifested surprise, but no other emotion.

In her message Mrs. Gillette urged him to have "faith in God." Promised to take his case to the United States Supreme Court and said she would leave Denver for Auburn at once.

The Barry-Temple Fight.

Boston, Feb. 19.—Jim Barry, the Chicago Italian heavy weight, had no easy time last night disposing of black Larry Temple, although he outweighed his opponents by 30 pounds. Barry in the second round in the 12-round contest was in desperate straits when he ran into a right cross and rose from his knees barely in time to escape the count. After this Temple fought more confidently, but the Chicago man's weight wore him down. In the eleventh he was saved by the bell. In the last round he quit after receiving a terrific blow which he declared was low. That referee did not allow the claim.

Gen. Stoessel Case.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—The judges of the military court which has been trying Gen. Stoessel for surrounding Port Arthur to the Japanese, and General Fock and Reiss on charges of dereliction of duty in the same campaign, held a brief conference early today, made up their minds that the debate over their verdict promises to be a long one, and ordered the accused general to appear at 11 a. m. tomorrow to learn of their fates. Camp beds have been carried into the judges' room and sentries stationed at the doors that there may be no interference with the deliberations.

Incendiary Fires.

New York, Feb. 19.—Five incendiary fires in the heart of Brooklyn and another in the Greenpoint district today gave the fire fighters and police about the hardest day's work they have had in a long time and imperiled the lives of hundreds of persons. The Greenpoint fire was the most serious of the lot. Forty-five persons, driven out by the flames, had to stand shivering in the snow, in scant attire, some of them barefooted, for two hours until the blaze was brought under control. Four firemen were hurt during the fire.

Will Accept Candidacy.

Columbus, O., Feb. 19.—"If the democratic party will it," Mr. W. J. Bryan said today, "I shall gladly be a candidate." Asked about the danger of disruption of the "solid South," Mr. Bryan said: "There is no such danger." Mr. Bryan breaks into the heart of the South March 5 at Jackson, Miss.

Fight Among Creditors.

New York, Feb. 10.—There is a fight among Charles W. Morse's creditors over the question of bankruptcy against the embarrassed financier. About 95 per cent. of them oppose action of the kind. The others unsecured are said to have all their plans made to file their petition late today.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Feb. 19.—There was a change of position by some of the leading Wall street houses this morning, causing the trading element to turn to the bull side and bid along the shorts. Government bonds unchanged; other bonds were quiet.

NORTH CAROLINA TRAGEDIES.

At Colowhee, N. C., Monday, Wilson Bennett shot and instantly killed Henson Pressley, as the result of a quarrel, in which Bennett's two brothers were involved. At Bryson City, Monday, Keever Oline was killed by Charles Myers. The men quarreled because Oline took a canoe belonging to Myers to convey him across the river. Myers struck Oline over the head with a canoe paddle inflicting fatal injuries. He then fled. Myers has not been arrested.

At Watauga, Monday, Luther M. Banner shot and killed A. H. Oline with a double-barreled shotgun loaded with slugs. The men had previously quarreled. Banner has been captured.

What To Do When Sick.

The right thing to do when you feel bilious is to take a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They will cleanse the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Try it. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at W. F. Creighton's and Richard Gibson's drug stores.

Choice PEARL HOMILY and BREAKFAST EGGS, for sale at J. C. MILBURN.

Kennel's Cough Syrup cures the coughs and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by W. F. Creighton.

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THE FREE KINDERGARTEN.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette.

My Dear Sir: Recently I had the privilege of conversing with a prominent member of the City Council of Alexandria on the subject of the Free Kindergarten of the city, which looks to the City Council for financial backing. I found this gentleman most kindly disposed toward that excellent work.